

ROCKVILLE ROW

AL-VI-B-082

Rockville Row & Sioux Place, Lonaconing  
ca. 1850

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Rockville Row

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rockville Road & Sioux Place

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

LonaconingX VICINITY OFSixth

STATE

COUNTY

MarylandAllegany**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles F. Gowens, Marie Worgan, Martha R.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

GrindleRockville Road & Sioux Place

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Lonaconing,X VICINITY OFMaryland 21539**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cumberland,Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Rockville Row is located on the east side of Rockville Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County at the intersection of Sioux Place.

The Rockville Row is actually a row of frame, saltbox mine company houses. The houses basically consists of one and a half story six bay wide, frame structures of the saltbox design. The rear shed wings of the saltbox houses include a one story, shed roof entrance wing on the east side. The houses are all frame structures supported by a low stone foundation with plain water tables. The roofs of the facades are all gabled, and include shed roof wings, and all are covered with replaced asphalt materials. Windows in the structures include pegged double hung wooden sash frames with two over two and six over six lights with plain trim. Main entrances to the structures are located on the front western side and are all replaced. The entrances are double on each individual house; giving evidence to the fact that they were double housing units. The entrances are covered with four bay end porches with hipped roofs. The roofs are supported by square columns with balustrade and steps leading to the entrance level. Three corbeled brick chimneys are found on each of the facades. One main chimney is found centrally to the main block, while two chimneys are found to the interior of the rear shed wing.

The houses are all structurally sound, and are actually a row of five identically constructed mining company houses. The houses have been somewhat altered since original construction, yet they maintain most of the original features.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rockville Row is a row of five double block Mining Company houses that are believed to have been built in the mid 19th century. The houses are of the saltbox design and are typical of the type of dwelling a miner and his family would have inhabited. In these still growing communities, through the Civil War period, coal companies supplied the bulk of housing for employees.<sup>1</sup>

The actual specifications for this type of housing are contained in a letter addressed to the superintendent of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company and dated July 15, 1845. "These called for a one and a half story house, with a roofed porch across the front. There were no cellars, but were to be set on stone foundations. The frame was to consist of "good substantial timbers well put together with mortices and tennons, to be weatherboarded outside with 3/4 to 1 inch thick boards nailed horizontally."<sup>1</sup> The inside was to be plastered and painted; the outside was to be whitewashed. These were double houses, each unit consisting of three rooms on the first floor and one on the second, with a brick chimney running up through the middle."<sup>2</sup> Cost of building such houses were about \$400.00.

These houses are structurally sound and they remain an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in the Maryland Coal Region.

1 Harvey, Katherine A; The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, New York; Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 78 - 82

2 Ibid, p.82

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Harvey, Katherine A.; The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1969)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-082

Charles F. Gowens 342/466

DATE: February 8, 1977

Marie Worgan

Martha R. Grindle 474/477

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Rockville Row

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rockville Road & Sioux Place, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: 5 Double miner's houses - saltboxes

ADDRESS: For description of typical house, see below

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
STORIES: 1(X) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6(X) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 story rear gable roofed; privy located in rear of buildings

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
(X) Other: Coverings Insul brick/Asbestos

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(X) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged (X) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Two-West side

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(X)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip(X) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(X) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original(X) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central(XX) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

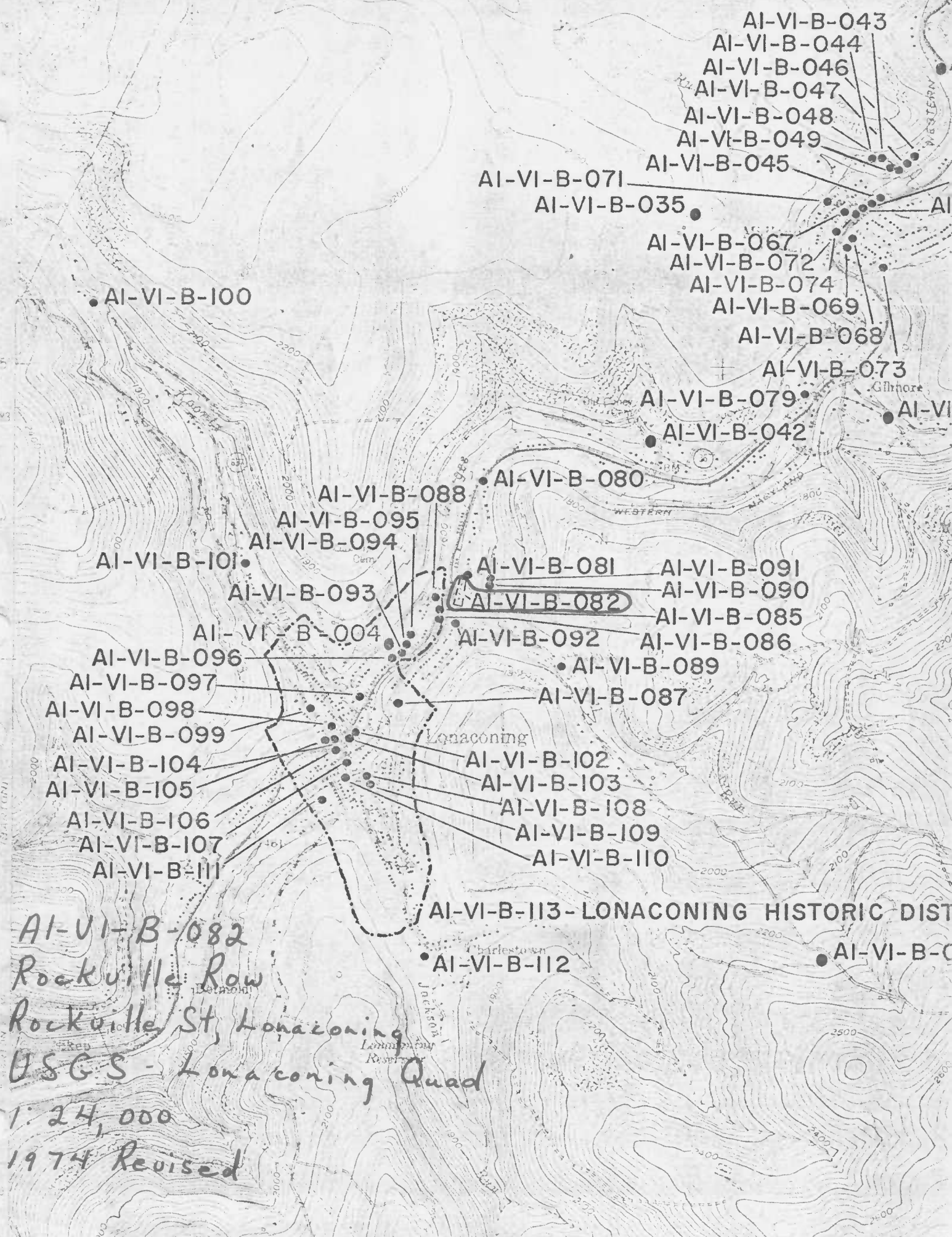
COMMENTS:

Use - Private homes

Significance - Miner's homes - company saltboxes

Date Constructed - 1860's

Condition - Fair



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Rockville Row  
Rockville St, Lonaconing  
USGS - Lonaconing Quad

1:24,000  
1974 Revised





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Rockville Row

Rockville Rd. + Sioux Place

Remodeling

2/8/77

John Nelson

North Las Vegas



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FIGURE 22

2/24/77 - John Nelson & Joan Baldwin



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2/24/77 - John Nelson & Joan Baldwin



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Rockville Row

Rockville Rd. + Sioux Place

Lomaconing

2/8/77

John Nelson

northwest